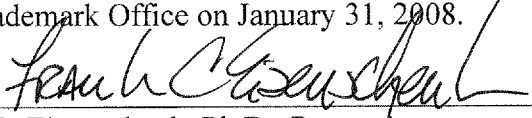


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Sir:

Pursuant to a request from Examiner Lockard in the above-identified patent application, it is respectfully requested that this matter be amended as follows: